

Jesus' First Miracle

John 2

Did Jesus ever sin?
No, Jesus never sinned.

"But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin."
1 John 3:5

Story Point:

Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory.



PREPARE HEARTS

- Starter Activity and Question of the Day
- 11:00 - Kids Worship



ACTIVATE HEARTS

- Lesson Review - Jesus' First Miracle
- Discussion Questions
- Group Demonstration: Jesus Cares



ENGAGE HEARTS

- Share and Care Prayer Time
- Group Activity: "Do Whatever He Tells You"
- Group Game: Guess the Bible Character Tower Challenge

SHEPHERD GUIDE

In a world where people often celebrate achievements, milestones, and special moments, have you ever stopped to consider what it means to celebrate Jesus? From transforming the ordinary to displaying incredible power, Jesus invites us to marvel at His work. This week we will marvel, along with the kids we teach, at the glory of Jesus displayed in His first miracle. Prepare to teach by considering the following main points of the story and reflect on the ways Jesus has shown His power in your own life this week.

Jesus' power leads us to wonder. When we witness Jesus' power, it evokes awe and amazement. His miracles, like turning water into wine, reveal His divine authority and mastery over creation. These acts are not just demonstrations of power; they invite us into deeper contemplation of who Jesus is and what He offers us. Jesus transforms the ordinary.

Jesus can take the ordinary and make it extraordinary. In the wedding at Cana, He turned water, a simple necessity, into fine wine, symbolizing how He brings new life and purpose to the mundane. With Jesus, nothing is too insignificant to be transformed for His glory.

We can celebrate the work of Jesus. Celebrating Jesus isn't just about grand events; it's about recognizing His continuous work in our lives. Whether it's through answered prayers, life transformation, or His presence in daily moments, celebrating Jesus means acknowledging His work and inviting others to join in the joy of His goodness. Kids know how to celebrate!

This week, point them to the beauty of Jesus, and His incredible love for them. Encourage them to revel in the goodness of God and to ponder the ways He is at work in their lives throughout the week.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 10:20 - 10:30 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.



GRADES 3-4

KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW

May 31, 2026
2nd Service

MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that Jesus showed His glory through miracles.
- *BE amazed at Jesus' power and authority over all creation.
- *BRING their worries, fears - anything! - to Jesus and trust that He cares.



As you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others. Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.

Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.

When most kids have arrived for 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

**Option - Pen Pal Kit!!*



PREPARE HEARTS

Question of the Day:

If you were throwing a birthday party, what games would you play? What food would you serve? Who would you invite?

Can you imagine inviting Jesus to your party? I bet Jesus would be a really fun guest!

Our story today is about a party—but not just any party—a wedding celebration! Jesus, His disciples, and His mother were all invited. Everything was going great...until they ran out of wine! Imagine running out of birthday cake before everyone got a piece. That would be embarrassing, right? And it would probably make the guests who didn't get dessert feel pretty disappointed. In our story, we'll hear that Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory. Jesus kept the party going with this miracle!

Every week we read from the Bible because it's God's Word and tells us what's true about God and ourselves. To read a story about Jesus' life and ministry on earth, we can turn to one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Today we'll read from John. Are you ready to learn together from this story of Jesus' first miracle? Let's go!

Starter Activity

Welcome and Question of the Day



KIDS WORSHIP

11:00

Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4th Grade in LG2.



ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

Jesus' First Miracle

Bibles,
Review Video –
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to John 2. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE:

Jesus' power leads us to wonder (John 2:9-10): The headwaiter was surprised at what Jesus had created.

Jesus transforms the ordinary (John 2:6-9): Jesus turned water into wine.

We can celebrate the work of Jesus (John 2:11-12): The disciples believed Jesus and His power.

Jesus, His mother Mary, and His disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told Him, "They don't have any wine."

"What does this concern have to do with me?" Jesus asked. "My time has not yet come." Jesus meant that it was not yet time for Him to be glorified, or to be worshiped and praised.

Mary told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now six stone water jars were at the wedding for religious washing. Each jar held 20 or 30 gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. The servants filled the jars to the top. Then Jesus said, "Now draw some water out and give it to headwaiter." The servants did as Jesus said.

When the headwaiter tasted the water that had now been turned into wine, he didn't know where the wine came from—but the servants knew. The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Usually, people set out the best wine first and save the poor-tasting wine for later in the party. But you have kept this amazing wine until the end!"

This was the first miracle Jesus performed. He revealed his glory, and His disciples believed in Him. After this, Jesus, His mother, and His disciples went to Capernaum and stayed there a few days.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus changed water into wine, revealing His glory and showing that He is God. Like the disciples, we can believe in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus are saved from their sin and changed to become more like Jesus.

What did you hear in the story? Did anything surprise you? What was the problem in the story? [Allow responses.] Jesus, His disciples, and His mother were at a wedding banquet and the party was almost wrecked when they ran out of wine. In those days, it would have been a huge social embarrassment for the bride and groom to not have enough food and drink for their guests. **How did Jesus help?** [Allow responses.] (Read John 2:6-10.) Jesus instructed the servers at the wedding to fill up the large jars with water. But when they drew out some of the water, it was incredible wine! Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory. This was Jesus' first miracle, but it was a private one. Only Jesus' mother and the servers who filled water jars knew what Jesus had done.

Many Bible teachers believe that Jesus' first miracle was a symbol—a picture you can see that tells us about a truth that you can't see. The Jewish people thought that a person would find life with God by keeping lots of ritual rules and laws (like washing hands and feet before each meal). They might not be bad ideas, but following lots of rules doesn't make you right with God. Jesus put new wine in those old stone jars. He brings new life with God that is better than anything that can be earned or bought by keeping rules. Like the disciples, we can believe in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus are saved from their sin and changed to become more like Jesus.



Discussion

Discussion questions listed here

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

What does Jesus' first miracle show us about Him? By turning water into wine, Jesus revealed His glory and showed He has power over all things. We also see His love and care for people by providing for people at the wedding feast. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Jeremiah 32:17.)

Jesus provided for those at the wedding feast. **How can we trust Jesus to provide for our needs today?** God has already provided for our biggest need: forgiveness of sins, through His Son, Jesus. If God provided for this, then we can trust He will meet every other need. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Philippians 4:19.)

Why is it important to obey God even when we don't understand everything? In our story, Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them. They didn't know what Jesus was about to do, but they did what He said. Because we trust God, we should always obey what He tells us to do, even if we don't understand all the details. His way is always best. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Proverbs 3:5-6.)



Jesus Cares

- 1 big clear tupperware container
- A few big objects (book, stuffed animal, food container, etc.)
- Cup of pom-poms
- Small paper hearts

Ask: Does God care about the small things in my life? (Discuss responses)

Talk about the following: If God rules the universe, does He really notice small things, like school, friendship stuff, or fears we don't say out loud? The Bible tells us over and over again, yes! Jesus' first miracle makes it clear. Running out of wine wasn't a world crisis, but it mattered to a real family on a real day. And Jesus stepped toward it with compassion. The God who created galaxies chose to help at a small-town wedding. What does that tell us about His heart?

The Bible shows this pattern everywhere. God provided daily bread for Israel - enough for each morning. Jesus said the Father sees every sparrow and then reminds us, "You are worth more than many sparrows." He described a shepherd searching for one last sheep (Luke 15). He healed a woman who reached out with a small amount of faith (Mark 5). These moments aren't big headlines, but they tell us that God notices details people overlook.

Jesus also said God counts the hairs on your head - not because hair is important, but because you are. Psalm 56 says God keeps track of every tear. Nothing that matters to you is too small for Him.

Set the big tupperware container in front of you. Then hold up the big objects and place them in the jar.



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SAY: These big things kind of look like the BIG things in life. Things that seem really important. Sometimes we think God only cares about the BIG stuff. Like huge problems, giant prayers, or really serious things.”

Then hold up the small pom-poms.

SAY: But what about the little things Like friendship stuff, being nervous at school, feeling left out, or crying when nobody sees? Sometimes we act like these small things don’t matter to God, but even though this container looks full... guess what? There’s still so much room!”

Take the cup of pom-poms and pour them into the container, filling the gaps.

SAY: “God notices the small things too. God doesn’t only care about the big things. He cares about all of it. The big things and the little things. Nothing is too small for Him because you are not too small for Him.”

Have the kids call out “small things” they might worry about. Examples:

- “My friend ignored me”
- “I’m scared to go on a field trip”
- “I can’t sleep”
- “I’m nervous”

As they share, write it down on a small paper heart and drop it into the tupperware container and say “That matters to God.”

Remind kids that if they ever wonder if God cares about the small things in your life, the answer is yes. If it matters to you, it matters to Him.



“Do Whatever He Tells You”

- Blank paper
- Pencils
- 4 scenario slips

Split the children into pairs. Pass out a piece of paper and a pencil to each child.

Sit pair back-to-back so they can’t see each other’s paper. One person draws a picture while explaining what they are drawing (examples: house, sports, flowers, etc.) The other player must try to copy it. When finished, compare the drawings.

Talk about how Mary told the servants to listen to Jesus and do exactly what He said.

SAY: When Mary tells the servants, “Do whatever He tells you,” She is showing full confidence in Jesus words. Jesus’ instructions were pretty simple - He told the servants to fill jars with water and deliver it. Jesus did the rest; He performed the miracle. God’s commands are not confusing or hidden; they are steady, clear, and meant to lead us. We often struggle, hesitate, or look for our own solutions instead of simply responding to what Jesus says. Mary’s advice is wisdom for all of us - to listen to Jesus and trust His words.

<p>Pressure to Join in Negative Actions</p> <p>What does Jesus say?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Just go along so no one targets you.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “It’s fine if you don’t mean it.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Do good... seek justice.”</p>	
<p>Feeling Left Out</p> <p>What does Jesus say?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Stay mad and ignore them back.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “They probably don’t want you anyway.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Treat others the way you want to be treated.”</p>	
<p>Someone Hurt Your Feelings</p> <p>What does Jesus say?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Get revenge—say something worse.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Hold onto the hurt and don’t let it go.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”</p>	
<p>Sibling Conflict</p> <p>What does Jesus say?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Stay angry and don’t talk to them.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Make sure they feel guilty.”</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Be kind and tender-hearted.”</p>	

Pass out the 4 scenario slips to 4 volunteers. Have them read the questions and multiple choice answers. Ask the class: What would Jesus say to do in these following situations? Have them respond with either thumbs up or thumbs down.



Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Roseman Family**)
- Specific prayer requests from any of the kids about something going on in their own lives.

Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Roseman Family.



Guess the Bible Character Tower Challenge

- Table
- Solo cups

Form teams of kids to score points answering Bible character trivia questions.

Divide your students into two or more teams. Ask each team a question, alternating between teams.

When a team answers a question correctly, a member of that team may take a cup and place it on the table or on top of another cup to build their team's "tower". They can place the cups as part of the foundation, right side up, or upside down - however they think best to build their team's tower. At the end, the team with the tallest tower wins!

- This person had a coat of many colors. (Joseph)
- This person was swallowed by a big fish. (Jonah)
- This person is known for his great strength and was tricked by Delilah. (Samson)
- This person was a king and wrote many of the Psalms. (David)
- This person was a fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples. (Peter)
- This person is known for his wisdom and built the temple in Jerusalem. (Solomon)
- This person was the first woman and mother of all living. (Eve)
- This person was thrown in a lion's den. (Daniel)
- This person was the mother of Jesus. (Mary)
- This person betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. (Judas)
- This person led the Israelites out of Egypt and parted the Red Sea. (Moses)
- This person was the first human God created. (Adam)
- This person trusted God when He promised to multiply his generations to be more than the stars. (Abraham)
- This person built an ark. (Noah)
- This person wore camel's hair and ate honey. He also told people that Jesus was coming! (John the Baptist)
- This person was a brave queen who helped save her people. (Esther)
- This person wrote many letters to churches in the New Testament. (Paul)
- This person was Israel's first king. (Saul)
- This person was Jesus' earthly father. (Joseph)
- This person hid the Israelite spies and then became part of God's chosen people. (Rahab)

SAY: Great job with those clues! Did you notice something important about these people? Each one played a part in God's story. Even though some of them made mistakes, God still used them to do great things. Just like how we can learn from their lives, we can also celebrate how Jesus is at the center of God's plan for all of us. Jesus came to help us, just like He helped many of these people! Isn't it amazing how Jesus worked through them—and how He can work through us too?